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Status		
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on		
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3) Since this application is in condition for all		ers prosecution as to the merits is
closed in accordance with the practice und	der <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D.	11, 453 O.G. 213.
Disposition of Claims	•	,
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-26</u> is/are pending in the applica	ation	
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are with		
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.	idiawii iroiti consideration.	
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.		
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.		
8) Claim(s) <u>1-26</u> are subject to restriction and	d/or election requirement.	
Application Papers		
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Exan	minor	
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Applicant may not request that any objection to	the drawing(s) he held in the control	y the Examiner.
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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119	Examiner. Note the attached	Office Action of form P10-152.
<ul> <li>12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for fore</li> <li>a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:</li> <li>1 ☐ Certified copies of the priority docum</li> </ul>		119(a)-(d) or (f).
2. Certified copies of the priority docum	ents have been received in App	olication No.
<ol> <li>Copies of the certified copies of the p</li> </ol>	priority documents have been re	eceived in this National Stage
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1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

 Claims 1-25, drawn to a process of forming a monolithic article, classified in class 264, subclass various.

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II. Claim26, drawn to a monolithic polyolefin polymer, classified in class 428, subclass 297.4.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

- 2. Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another an materially different process such as compacting the fibers by needling and then further compressing and heating
- 3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).
- 5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one

or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth M. Cole whose telephone number is (571) 272-1475. The examiner may be reached between 6:30 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Wednesday, and 6:30 AM and 2 PM on Thursday.

Mr. Terrel Morris, the examiner's supervisor, may be reached at (571) 272-1478.

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